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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An electrical rules checker system and method are provided to identify tri-state logic from a netlist. In accordance with one aspect of the invention, a method identifies tri-state logic from a netlist by selecting a circuit configuration to be identified, and then identifying any of the circuit configurations at the node, and identifying any probable circuit configurations at the node. In accordance with another aspect of the invention, a system is provided for identifying tri-state logic connected to a selected node of an integrated circuit. The system operates by evaluating a netlist at the node, and further includes a code segment for selecting a circuit configuration to be identified, a second code segment for identify any of the selected circuit configurations a given node in a netlist, and a third code segment configured to identify any probable circuit configurations at the node in a netlist.